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Sen. McManus nets eight-point buck in Kalkaska County

LANSING – The 2004 rifle deer season was a successful one for state Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, and her family.

Using a 308 Browning A-Bolt bolt-action rifle she purchased in 1991 from Cliff's Rifle Shop, McManus shot an eight-point buck with a 13-inch spread Nov. 19. She shot the buck from her husband's blind, where he also had shot a 9-point buck earlier in the week.

"After five frustrating days at my blind seeing nothing but spikes, I was more than ready to take Keith's offer and try a change of scenery," McManus said. "It was my first afternoon in his blind when that eight-point buck walked out by himself. I was fortunate enough to have a clear shot."

This capped a week of early morning hunting for McManus, who was in the woods each day before sunrise.

"I'm thrilled that both my husband and I were successful this year," McManus said. "And even if I hadn't seen a single deer, I always enjoy the time I spend hunting in Kalkaska County with family and friends."

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Editor's note: A downloadable photo of Sen. McManus with her buck is available on the Senate Majority Photowire at

<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/McManus/McManus.htm>.